

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of March 26, 1991 indicated that applicant's amendment of January 22, 1991 will be entered on the record, and that claims 4 - 7 and 12 - 19 have been allowed. The Advisory Action also indicated that with respect to the remaining outstanding claims (1 - 3, 8, 26 - 28) the only issue is that these claims recite "R₂" as "lower alkyl" and that the Examiner is of the view that only "methyl" for "R₂" is supported by the disclosure.

In a brief telephone interview conducted on March 20, 1991 the issue of the "R₂" substituent in Claims 1 - 3, 8, 26 - 28 (as applicable) were discussed between Examiner Johann Richter and applicant's undersigned attorney. Examiner Richter indicated that the issue of "R₂" being defined as "lower alkyl" versus "methyl" being the only one remaining with respect to these claims, the claims would be allowed if applicant filed an amendment changing "R₂" to "methyl" (and canceling any duplicate claim, if applicable). Examiner Richter's courtesy in extending the above-noted telephone interview is gratefully acknowledged.

The applicant now has complied with the foregoing requirement and amended the above-noted claims so that "R₂" is defined as "methyl". Accordingly all outstanding claims are either already allowed, or in prima facie allowable condition.

In light of the foregoing entry of the present amendment on the record, and subsequent issuance of a notice of allowance of

all outstanding claims is respectfully solicited.

In view of the short time remaining before the expiration date of the statutory six months period on April 25, 1991 and to be certain to keep the present application "pending", simultaneously with the present amendment applicant files a "Notice of Appeal" of the rejection of claims 1 - 3, 8, 26 - 28, as well as a request for extension of time up to the expiration of the statutory six months period.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney would materially facilitate the final disposition of this case, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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